PARENTS WRITING HISTORY.

He Draws a Vivid Picture of Two Contrasting Homes. A Man's True Character Comes Out at the Fireside.

Many tender recollections were stirred by Dr. Talmage's discourse at Washington last Sunday, and scenes of boyhood and girlhood days will be lived over again; text, I Timothy v. 4. "Let them learn first to show piety at home." During the summer months the tendency is to the fields; to visitation, to foreign travel and the watering places. and the ocean steamers are thronged.

but in the winter it is rather to gather in domestic circles, and during these months we spend many of the hours within doors, and the apostle comes to us and says that we ought to exercise Christian behavior amid all such cir-"Let them learn first to cumstances. show piety.

There are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the diet of Worms and only wish that they had some such great opportunity in which to display their Christian prowess. They admire Paul making Felix tremble, and they only wish that they had some such grand occasion in which to preach righteousness temperance and judgment to come. All they want is an opportunity to exhibit their Christian heroism. Now, the apostle practically says: "I will show you a place where you can exhibit all that is grand and beautiful and glorious in Christian character, and that is the domestic circle. Let them learn first to show piety at home." If one is not faithful in an insignificant sphere, he will not be faithful in a resounding sphere. If Peter will not help the cripple at the gate of the temple, he will never be able to preach 3,000 into the kingdom at the Pentecost. If Paul will not take pains to instruct in the way of salvation the jailer of the Philippian dungeon, he will never make Felix tremble. who is not faithful in a skirmish would fact is, we are placed in just the position in which we can most grandly serve God, and we ought not to be chiefly thoughtful about some sphere of useful ness which we may after awhile gain, but the all absorbing question with you

wilt thou have me nowand here to do?'

"home." Ask ten different men the meaning of that word, and they will give you ten different definitions. To one it means love at the hearth, plenty at the table, industry at the workstand, intelligence at the books. devotion at the altar. In that household discord tion never tricks with its false face. is a tranquil lake. Pillowed on the ripples sleep the shadows. Ask another man what home is, and he will tell you it is want looking out of a cheerless fire grate, kneading hunger in an empty bread tray. The triumph. No home, no republic! damp air shivering with curses. No Bible on the shelf. Children robbers ground must be turned up with subsoil :bryo. and murderers in Every face a picsongs their lulla' Vestibule of the pit. Shadow of infernal walls. Furnace for forging everlasting chains. Fagots for an unendspelled with curses, it weeps with ruin, death agony of despair. The word "home" in the one case means every-

a political safeguard, home as a school private it is dishabille. As play actors may appear in another way bnd the different from public character. Pri turned wrong side out. A man may relong are mild and courteous and genial and good natured in commercial life. damming back their irritability and their petulance and their discontent, but at nightfall the dam breaks and scolding pours forth in floods and fresh-

Reputation is onl; the shadow of character, and a very small house sometimes will cast a very long shadow. The lips may seem to drop with myrrh and cassia and the disposition to be as bright and warm as a sheath of sunbeams, and . t they may only be a magnificent show window for a wretched stock of goods. There is many a man who is affaote in public life and tain Stream," and "The Fox Hunt," amid commercial spheres who in a and the "Children Amid Flowers," and cowardly way takes his anger and his the "Harvest Scene," and "The Saturpetulance home and drops them in the | day Night Marketing." Get you no domestic circle. The reason men do hint of cheerfulness from grasshopper's not display their bad temper in public is because they do not want to be knocked down. There are men who the rock at the mountain top clear hide their petulance and their irrita- down to the meadow ferns under the bility just for the same reason that shadow of the steep comes looking to they clapped their hands and shouted, -it does not pay-or for the same reason that they do not want a man in

below par lest it depreciate the value.

As at sunset sometimes the wind

be a tempestuous night. There are people who in public act the philanthropist who at home act the Nere with respect to their slippers and their gown. Audubon, the great ornithologist, with gun and pencil went through the forests of America to bring down and to sketch the beautiful birds, and after years of toil and exposure completed his manuscript and put it in a trunk in Philadelphia and went off for a few days of recreation and rest and came back and found that the rats had utterly destroyed the manuscript, but without any discomposure and without any fret or bad temper he again picked up his gun and his pencil and visited that in any of the comfortable homes and reproduced his immortal work. And yet there are people with the ten

northeast storm. Now, that man who ; child fin? It is a plain question, and fear of the world or from the slimy. putrid pool of our own selfishness. strate it or not. Again, home is a refuge. Life is the

and anon a skirmish and a battle. At eventide we pitch our tent and stack the arms; we hang up the war cap, and our head on the knapsack, we sleep until the morning bugle calls us to march to the action. How pleasant it is to rehearse the victories and the surprises and the attacks of the day, seated by the still campfire of the home circle. Yea, life is a stormy sea. With shivered masts and torn sails and hulk aleak, we put in at the harbor of home. Blessed harbor! There we go for repairs in the drydock. The candle in the window is to the toiling man the lighthouse guiding him into port. Children go forth to meet their fathers as pilots at the Narrows take the hand of ships. The doorsill of the home is the wharf where heavy life in unladen. There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self adulation. There is the place where we may lounge without being thought ungraceful. There is the plece where we may express affection without being thought silly. There is the place where we may forget our annovances and exasperations and troubles. Forlorn earth pilgrim, no home? Then die. That is better, The grave is brighter and grander and more glorious than this world with no tent from marching, with no harbor from the storm, with no place of rest from this scene of greed and gouge and loss and gain. God pity the man or the woman who has no home!

cannot France come to a placid republie? MacMahon appoints his ministry, and all France is aquake lest the republic be smothered. Gambetta dies, and there are hundreds of thousands of not be faithful in an Armageddon. The | Frenchmen who are fearing the return of a monarchy. The Dreyfus case is at this moment a slumbering earthquake under Paris. France as a nation, has not the right kind of a Christian home. The Christian hearthstone is the only hearthstone for a republic. The virtues and with me ought to be, "Lord, what | cultured in the family circle are an absolute necessity for the state. If there There is one word in St. Paul's adbe not enough moral principle to make juration around which the most of our | the family adhere, there will not be | thoughts will revolve. That word is enough political principle to make the state adhere. No home means the Goths and Vandals, means the Nomads of Asia, means the Numidians of Africa, changing from place to saw only "through a glass darkly. place according as the pasture hap New it is face to face, corruption, inpens to change. Confounded be all those babels of iniquity which would never sounds its warwhoop and decep- overpower and destroy the home! The same storm that upsets the ship in the Red sea of death, while they pass To him it means a greeting at the door | which the family sail will sink the friand a smile at the chair, peace hover- gate of the constitution. Jails and ing like wings, joy clapping its hands penitentiaries armies and navies are ion do not stir my soul so much as the not our best defense. The door of the Household home is the best fortress. utensils are our best artilery, and the chimneys of our dwelling houses are the grandest monuments to safety and the world die in earthquake struggle

Further, home is a school. Old

Obscene | plow, and it must be harrowed and renarrowed, and then tl crop will not be tare of ruin. W . in the background | as large as that of the new ground with and sin staring from the front. No less culture. Now, youth and child-Sabbath wave rolling over that doorsill. | hood are new ground, and all the influences thrown over their heart and life will come up in after life luxuriantly. Every time you have given a smile of ing funeral pile. Awful word. It is approbation all the good cheer of your life will come up again in the geniality it chokes with woe, it swears with the of your children. And every ebullition of anger and every uncontrollable display of indignation will be fuel to their thing bright. The word "home" in disposition 20 or 30 or 40 years from the other case means everything terrific. | now-fuel for a bad fire a quarter of a I shall speak now of home as a test | century from this. You praise the inof character, home as a refuge, home as | telligence of your child too much sometimes when you think he is not aware and home as a type of heaven. And in of it, and you will see the result of it the first place home is a powerful test | before ten years of age in his annoying of character. The disposition in publaffectations. You praise his beauty, lic may be in gay costume, while in supposing he is not large enough to understand what you say, and you will may oppear in one way on the stage and | find him standing on a high chair before a flattering mirror. Words and scenes, so private character may be very | deeds and examples are the seed of character, and children are very apt to vate character is often public character | be the second edition of their parents. Abraham begat Isaac, so virtue is apt ceive you into his parlor as though he to go down in the ancestral line, but were a distillation of smiles, and yet | Herod begat Archelaus, so iniquity is his heart may be a swamp of mettles. transmitted. What vast responsibility

There are business men who all day comes upon parents in view of this subject! Oh, make your nome ' > brightest place on earth if you would charm your children to the high path of virtue and rectitude and religion! Do not always are the hard benches on which they turn the blinds the wrong way. Let the sit?" And the answer was made me, light, which puts gold on the gentian and spots the pansy, pour into your And then I wandered out to find the dwellings. Do not expect the little hovels of the destitute, and I found feet to keep step to a dead march. Do not cover up your walls with such pictures as West's "Death on a Pale Horse" or Tintoretto's "Massacre of the Innocents." Rather cover them if you have pictures with "The Hawking whence comes all this scene?" And Party," and "The Mill by the Mounleap and lamb's frisk and quail's whistle and garrulous streamlet, which from see where it can find the steepest place to leap off at and talking just to hear itself talk? If all the skies hurtled their stock company to sell his stock with tempest and everlasting storm, wandered over the sea, and every mountain stream were raving mad, frothing rises, so after a sunshiny day there may at the mouth with mud foam, and there were nothing but simoons blowing among the hills and there were neither lark's carol nor humming bird's trill, nor waterfall's dash, but only bear's bark and panther's scream and wolf's howl, then you might well gather into your homes only the shadows. But when God has strewn the earth and the heavens with beauty and with gladness. let us take into our home circles all innocent hilarity, all brightness and all good cheer. A dark home makes bad bad boys and bad girls in preparation for bad men and bad women.

homes Christian principle. Can it be again all the great forest of America whose inmates I confront the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No supplication at night for protection? thousandth part of that loss who are What! No thanksgiving in the mornutterly irreconcilable, who at the loss of a pencil or an article of raiment will of a pencil or an article of raiment will sister, will you answer God in the day spells that has ever been known in this ject, however, to be revoked in the day side is a picture of the county board of commission) side is a picture of the county board of commission) side is a picture of the county board of commission) side is a picture of the county board of commission) side is a picture of the county board of commission) blow as long and loud and sharp as a of judgment with reference to your they will have eggs to burn.

Above all, my friends, take into your

is affable in public and who is irritable | therefore I ask it. In the tenth chapin private is making a fraudulent and ter of Jeremiah God says he will pour overissue of stock, and he is as bad as out his fury upon the families that call a bank that might have \$400,000 or not upon his names. Oh, parents, \$500,000 of bills in circulation with no when you are dead and gone, and the specie in the vault. Let us learn to moss is covering the inscription of the show piety at home. If we have it not tombstone, will your children look back there, we have it not anywhere. If we and think of father and mother at famihave not genuine grace in the family ly prayer? Will they take the old circle. all our outward and public family Bible and open it and see the plausibility merely springs from the mark of tears of contrition and tears of consoling promise wept by eyes long before gone out into darkness? Ch. if tell you the home is a mighty test of | you do not inculcate Christian principle character. What you are at home you in the hearts of your childr a, and you are everywhere, whether you demon- | do not warn them against evil, and you do not invite them to holiness and to God, and they wander off into dissipation and infidelity and at last make United States army on the national shipwreck of their immortal soul, on road to Mexico- : long march with ever their deathbed and in the day of judg-

ment they will curse you! Seated by the register or the stove. what if, on the wall, should come out the history of your children? What a history-the mortal and immortal life of your loved ones! Every parent is writing the history of his child. He is writing it, composing it into a song,

or pointing it with a groan. My mind runs back to one of the best of early homes. Prayer like a roof over it. Peace like an atmosphere in Parents personifications of faith in trial and comfort in darkness. The two pillars of that eartnly home long crumbled to dust. But shall I ever forget that early home? Yes, when the flower forgets the sun that warmed it. Yes, when the mariner forgets the star that guided him. Yes, when love has gone out on the heart's altar, and memory has emptied its turn into forgetfulness. Then, the home of my childhood, I will forget thee! The family altar of a father's importunity and a mother's tenderness, the voices of affection, the funeral of our dead, the father and mother with interlocked arms like intertwining branches of trees making a perpetual arbor of love and kindness-then I will forget theethen, and only then! You know, my brother, that a hundred times you have been kept out of sin by the memory of such a scene as I have been describing. You have often had raging temptations, but you know what has held you with supernatural grasp. I tell you a man Further, home is a political safe- who has had such a good home as that guard. The safety of the state must be | never gets over it, and a man who has built on the safety of the home. Why had a bad early home never gets over

> Again, home is a type of heaven our best estate we are only pilgrin, and strangers here. "Heaven is our home." Death will never knock at the do r of that mansion, and in all that courtry there is not a single grave. How glad parents are in the holidays to gather their children home again! But I have noticed that there is almost always a son or a daughter absent -absent from home perhaps absent from the country, perhaps absent from the world. Oh, how glad our heavenly Father will be when he gets all his children home with him in heaven! And how delightful it will be for brothers and sisters to meet after long separation! Once they parted at the door of the tomb. Now they meet at the door of immortality. Once they corruption, mortality, immortality. Where are now all their sins and sorrows and troubles? Overwhelmed in stones of amethyst, thrones of dominthought of home. Once there, let earthly sorrows howl like storms and roll like seas. Home! Let thrones rot and empires wither. Home! Let and be buried amid procession of planets and dirge of spheres. Home! Let everlasting ages roll in irresistible sweep. Home! No sorrow. No cry-ing. No tears. No death. But home, sweet home, beautiful home, everlasting home, home with each other, home with angels, home with God.

One night, lying on my lounge when very tired, my children all around about me in full romp and hilarity and laughter-on the lounge half awake and half asleep-I dreamed this dream: I was in a far country. It was not Persia, although more than oriental luxuriance crowned the cities. It was not the tropics, although more than tropical fruitfulness filled the gardens. It was not Italy, although more than Italian softness filled the air. And I wandered around looking for thorns and nettles, but I found that none of them grew there, and I saw the sun rise, and watched to see it set, but it sank not. And I saw the people in holiday attire, and I said, "When will they put off this and put on workmen's garb and again delve in the mine and swelter at the forge?" But they never put off the holiday attire.

And I wandered in the suburbs of the city to find the place where the dead sleep, and I looked all along the line of the beautiful hills, the place where the dead might most peacefully sleep, and I saw towers and castles, but not a mausoleum or a monument or a white slab could I see. And I went into the chapel of the great town, and I said. "We have no poor in this country. mansions of amber and ivory and gold, but not a tear could I see, not a sigh and I sat down under the branches of a great tree, and I said, "Where am I and whence comes all this scene?" And then out from among the leaves and up the flowery paths and across the broad streams there came a beautiful group thronging all about me. and as I saw and as they shouted I thought I knew their voices, but then they were so gloriously arrayed in apparel such as I had never before witnessed that I bowed as stranger to stranger. But when again

"Welcome, welcome!" the mystery all vanished, and I found that time had gone and eternity had come and we were all together again in our new home in heaven, and I looked around, and I said, "Are we all here?" and the voices of many generations responded, "All ernment tugs assisting the wrecking here! And while tears of gladness were running down our checks, and the branches of the Lebanon cedars were clapping their hands, and the towers of the great city were chiming their welcome we all together began to leap and

shout and sing: "Home! Home! Home." Wants Damages.

prisoner proved to be a woman, Mrs. every time. Respectfully, Horton, and the institution was promptly named "Horton Jail." Now it has been proven that the woman was innocent, and she proposes to sue the Wellington authorities for damages.

GEN. GOMEZ WELCOMED

His Entrance Into Havana Causes the Wildest Enthusiasm.

Gen. Maximo Gomez, the Cuban ommander-in-chief, entered Habana Friday afternoon escorted by Gen. Lndlow and his staff and Troop L. of the Seventh United States cavalry. He marched at the head of 2,000 armed Cuban horsemen and footmen. The population of the city was wild with enthusiasm, throwing themselves in front of the general's horse, impeding its progress and pelting him with flowers. The general reviewed the troops at the The festivities in honor of the fourth

anniversary of the beginning of the Cuban strug le for independence was most spontaneous and wildly enthusiastic. Habana had never seen anything like it before. The entrance of Gen. Gomez into the city was, of course, the princi pal feature. The whole town was decorated, and the streets were packed with a crowd twice as large as that which turned out at the Garcia funeral.

As Gen. Gomez passed the crowd went wild with vivas, hats were flungin the air, and women showered flowers on all sides. He bowed and raised his hat incessantly as the crowds struggled to get near his horse and clung to the same by sample thereof, weighing over animal's sides as long as possible. The procession stopped frequently, eventually filing into the main streets of the city, passing central park and arriving any amount from the purchase price of

at the palace at half past 2. Once at the palace the Cuban com mander in-chief was welcomed by Senor Federico Mora, the civil governor, Mayor Perfecto Lacoste, the members of the city council, the junta patriotica the members of the assembly, the officials of all classes and numerous patriotic clubs. The place was beautifully decorated.

Following the procession were many private carriages filled with women of the best society. some allegorically dressed and others waving flags. The Cuban bands played the Cuban national hymn, varying this with "Dixie," "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Stars and Stripes forever." and popular American marches. There were many allegorical floats expressing the friendship between Cuba and the United States.

A handsome carriage, containing la dies, and decorated with large Spanish, American and Cuban flags draped together with white ribbons and bearing the legend "Unity, peace and concord," was vociferously cheered. Still another float reresented a Cuban woman holding the American flag, with the scattered crown of Spain at her

No fewer than 25,000 people were in line, requiring three hours to pass a given point. After the review at the palace, Gen. Gomez, accompanied by his staff, proceeded to Elvedado, visiting Gen. Brooke. This evening he attended the charity ball at the Tacon theatre, where the best Habana society was represented Foreign consuls raised their respective flags in honor of the day. The crowds throughout were or-

spanish Derivations. Many English words are taken directly from the Spanish. When you speak of a Piccadilly collar you are not using slang. The "piccadallo" is collar which at one time was worn by all men of position in Spain. A few years since many Americans cities boasted of companies of volunteer soldiers called grenadiers.

Our marines, of whom we are specially proud just now, got their name by clipping the last syllable of "marinerwhich is the equivalent Spanish

Rye bread without caraway seeds would not be rye bread at all. Caraway is a purely Spanish word, derived from "Alcara Hueya." The hammock on your veranda got its name from the Spanish "hamaca," although that is not purely a Spanish word. Columbus got it from the In-

dians 400 years ago. There are many other examples: "Banana," "apricot," "Canada," "duel" and "palavar" are all directly from the

Spanish.

Venice Drying Up. Venice without its waters would be a far less pictusesque place than it actually is. And such a state of affairs, we are led to believe, may eventually come about. The regular increase in the delta of the Po has been studied by Prof. Marinelli. Comparison of the Austrian map of about 1823 with the records of surveys made in 1893 shows that the mean annual increase during those seventy years has been about three-tenths of a square mile; and from all known data it appears that the total increase during six centuries has been about 198 square miles. The increase is continuing, and the Gulf of Venice is doomed in time to disappear. No immediate alarm need, however, be excited, for Prof. Marinelli calculates that between 100 and 120 centuries will clapse before the entire northern Adriatio will have beome dry land.

Distance Traveled When Reading.

Has it ever occured to you to reckon low far your eyes travel in reading The distance will not startle you, perhaps, for 1,000,000 letters in ordinary type would measure hardly more than mile placed side by side. In a lifetime, however, the average reader wends his way through 2,000 miles of print. The average novel of 300 pages contains one mile of reading; that is, the eye travels 1.766 yards in reading the book through.

Charlotte Man Suicides H. S. Chadwick of Charlotte, N. C., apparently a person of wealth, committed suicide by shooting at the Parker House in Boston Thursday. He engaged a suite at the hotel and Wednesday night he was found in his room in a delirious condition and a male them come I thought I knew their step. nurse was summoned. Thursday morning Mr. Chadwick went into the bathroom adjoining his chamber while the nurse was ordering his breakfast and put a bullet through his brain.

> Will Be Saved. After considerable delay the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes, which was sunk in the channel of Santiage harbor during the bombardment by Admiral Sampson's fleet on June 6th, has been raised and pumped out, the govсопрацу.

Mr. James M. Smith of Columbia. S great pleasure to say that the Uld State Ointment bought of you has entirely cured me of eczema when everything I had used previously failed to give any relief. It is a great medi-Wellington, Kan., built a new jail cine, and I would not be without it in granted. last year, and the authorities deter- my house. I use it for almost everymined to name it after the first prison- thing, where any medicine is needed, er who might be confined in it. This and have gotten the best of results

James M. Smith If there is anything in the old saying that a severe winter makes a good crop year, and we think there is a great deal of truth in it, the farmer will be blessed If those of our readers whose hens with very fine crops this season, for we section of the country.

SOME NEW STATE LAWS

Passed at the Recent Session of the

An act to prevent destruction of graves

and graveyards.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina. That from and after the approval of this act any person or persons who shall wilfully obliterate or desecrate any grave, or shall wilfully destoy any plants, trees, decorations, shrubberry, or deface or remove any grave stone, or shall wilfully destroy, tear down or injure any fence or other enclosure of any graveyard, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon con-\$25 or be confined in the county chaingang not more than 30 nor less than 10

Approved February 15, A. D. 1899.

An act to require cotton buyers to accept bales of cotton weighing not less than three huudred pounds,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That it shall be unlawful for any cotton buyer to refuse to accept any bale of cotton, after he has bought the 300 pounds, provided same corresponds in quality with sample bought by; and any such buyer who docks or deducts any such bale of cotton, or attempts to dock or deduct any amount from the purchase price of such bale of cotton, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined in the sum of not more than \$100 nor less than \$20.

Approved February 15, A. D. 1899. An act to declare the law in relation to

termination of rental contracts. Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assemply of the State of South Carolina, That from and after the passage of this act, should any tenant for years or lesser period remove from any

demised premises before the expiration of the term for which said premises were demised, leased or rented, then, and in such case, the rent (which would be earned up to the end of the month in which the tenant leaves) shall be immediately due and payable and it shall be lawful for the landlord, at any time within five days after the removal of such tenant, to issue his distress warrant for such an amount as may be due up to the expiration of the month in which said tenant leaves the premises. Approved Fobruary 15, A. D. 1899.

An act to require county boards of commissioners to deduct from salary of regular constables compensation paid persons acting as constables on a particular occasion, unless such service was rendered in an emergency wherein the regular constable could not perform the service.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Car olina, That in all counties of the State wherein magistrates are allowed by law to appoint a constable, such constable so appointed receiving a salary from the county in lieu of all costs and fees in criminal cases, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to deduct from the salary of such constable all sums paid to any while acting under appointment by tion of the board of county commised in an emergency wherein it was im-Approved February, 15, A. D. 1899.

An act to provide for the renewing charters of ferries which have expired or are about to expire, and for granting charters for ferries not keretofore granted.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of South Carolina, That after the approval of this act, when the charter of any ferry has expired or is about to expire, the -ame may be renewed or rechartered. and when a ferrry needed where no ferry has been heretofore chartered the same may be chartered in the following manner: By application to the county board of commissioners instead of to the general assembly, and where the ferry is across a river at a point where such river is the boundary between two or more counties, then to the respective boards of commissioners of the counties concerned. That the application shall be by petition after the notice now required by law, and after strictly observing and complying with all prerequisites required by law before the granting of such charters.

Sec. 2. Such charter shall be to the applicant, (petitioner.) his or her heirs and assigns, for a term not to exceed twenty-one years, and shall be subject to revocation at any time by the county board of commissioners which granted or renewed the same for such cause or causes as to them may seem just and

Sec. 3. That the following shall be the maximum rates of toll that shall be charged at each public ferry in this state chartered under the provisions of this act: For every passenger, 5 cents: for every head of sheep, goats. hogs and other small animals; 5 cents; for every horse, mule and head of cattle. 10 cents: for every passenger with single horse, mule, ox or other riding animal, 20 cents; for every single horse buggy, cart or other vehicle, 25 cents; for every 2-horse wagon or other vehiele, 50 cents; for every 3-horse wagon or other vehicle, 65 cents; for every 4-horse wagon or other vehicle, 75 cents: Provided, that it shall be within the province and power of the county board of commissioners of the several counties of the state to fix lower rates of toll for any one or more specific ferries in any county as the special conditions and circumstances may demand, and in case of ferrics crossing rivers or streams forming ooundary limes between any two counties the power and province aforesaid shall vest in the county boards of com-

missioners of said counties. Sec. 4. That the county boards of commissioers of the various counties C. writes: Dear Sir-It gives me of the state are hereby authorized and empowered to grant the charters for ferries, and to establish feeries under the provious of this act, and shall report all such charters to the secretary of state immediately after they are

Sec. 5. That the following shall be a sufficient form for such charter: The state of South Carolina, county

of ----, on the petition of ---, and it appearing that the public good will be subserved thereby the (or a) ferry across river at ----, known as (or to be known as) ----- ferry, is hereby chartered (or rechartered) and vested in -, the said petitioner, his (or herheirs, executors, administrators or as-

ers at any time. Given under our hands and seal of this office, this the-, A. D. 18day of -

Approved February 15, 1899. Sec. 6. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are here-

by repealed. POLICEMAN'S UNHAPPY LOT

Some Sage Remarks by an Officer Who Knew Whereof He Spoke. The downtown policeman was in a

reminiscent mood. "Yes," he said,

"never go before a man when you are arresting him, and whatever you do, never precede him when you are going down a flight of stairs. I was walking my beat one dark night when I heard cries of murder coming from a teneviction shall pay a fine of not less than | ment house. Running to the place, I saw a great hulk of a fellow beating his wife, who was screaming and shouting in mortal terror. At the sight of me the fellow ran upstairs, and I went after him. The stairway leading from the upper floor to the kitchen below was a very narrow affair, and it was impossible for two to walk abreast. So, with my prisoner at arm's length to the rear, I went down the flight. There was an old-fashioned door at the bottom of the staircase, and I had hardly opened it when something hit me a whack on the head like a load of bricks falling from a seven-story roof. At the same time a shrill female voice shrieked out: 'There, you brute, you will strike a defenseless woman, will you? and again she raised a long, heavy iron poker, which she held in her hand, to strike me. As she looked up she saw her mistake, but too late to check her sinewy right, which was twirling through the air. Down came the poker again. Bang! it didn't do a thing to my helmet, and I saw more stars at that time than ever I did on a bright night in August. 'Holy mother!' shrieked out the woman when she saw what she had done, 'I've struck the cop and I thought it was Jimmy I was bateing." To make my cup of sorrow more bitter the next morning the woman swore that her husband always treated her kindly, and that I had no right to interfere while Jimmy was giving her only what she deserved. Yes, whatever people may say, a policeman's lot is no

At Mme. Pattl's Castle. Visiting Mme. Pacti's superb castle in Wales, a guest not long since had a very curious experience. He chanced to open his window in the middle of the night, and, to his surprise, bells began to ring in every quarter of the grounds. Very much scared, but realizing that he had, after all, only set a burglar alarm going, the guest descended to reassure the household, when he instantly found himself in danger from a dozen roving dogs, who had obtained their freedom and were growling and snapping in the ugliest manner. At breakfast next morning he learned all about the curious fad of Mme. Patti, and wondered at it.

The singer has a great dread of burglais. Some time ago a gang of these gentlemen from London attempted to obtain admittance, but were defeated in their object, and since that date Mme. Patti has set up every kind of burglar alarm that exists. The queer part about one of these is, however, well worth noticing. Her largest dog, an enormous brute, who might be relied other person or persons for services on to cope with a little army of thieves, rendered the county in criminal cases | is kept rigorously chained in a patent kennel. But the chain is so arranged such magistrate on a particular occa- that should any one attempt to open sion, unless it is proven to the satisfac- | a window or a door in the castle the dog is released and free to rove at his sioners that such services were render- pleasure, it being presumed that he would at once make for the burglars possible for the constable entitled to and do his duty. The idea is ingenious, the salary to perform the said services. and, as the traveler discovered, not a

little dangerous.

According to the navy regulations, whiskey is not allowed on war ships except in the medical supplies, but it gets aboard somehow, as visitors to the hospitable officers can testify. It is called "navy sherry" on shipboard. Sometimes, when the fleet was on blockade duty, newspaper despatch boats carried supplies to the officers. A man ignorant of the rule about "navy sherry" hailed the flagship New York one Sunday morning off Santiago and asked the officer of the deck if he would send a boat for some supplies.

"For whom are they?" the officer asked through a megaphone.

"The ward room mess," was the re-It was an idle hour on the New York, and a crowd of officers and men had lined up and were listening.

"What supplies have you?" the officer asked again, and through his megaphone the correspondent bawled: -

"Onions, potatoes and whiskey!" Then he wondered why all the officers in sight fled to the other side of the ship, holding their sides with laughter. The onions and potatoes were sent on board-at least they alone

were received officially. An officer, who asked a friend to get a case of "navy sherry" for him later on was astounded when the man, brought real sherry. He had supposed that every one knew the difference.

"Come in, Old Pard." The land crab, big, noisy, of weird ocomotion and most objectionable apearance, was among the horrors which our soldiers encountered as they moved from Siboney to Santiago. Most of the men had never seen such creatures, and regarded them with extreme aversion. Often these noisy creatures invaded the tents of the men, and violence and profanity followed. But some of the Rough Riders had seen such things before. One night an Eastern man was risiting a Rough Rider from Arizona, when in walked the biggest land crab

"Why," said the Rough Rider, elightedly, "how home like!" And exending his hand toward the ugly inruder, he cried:-"Come in, old pard. knew your brother in old Arizona." The Eastern man fled, leaping over the "old pard" as he departed.

"Ugh!" cried the visitor, "Look at

if the season.

THE Sumter Freeman says: "The spensary stands for another year, depite the fact that a majority of the leg-lators were opposed to it—thus deconstrating its power as a political nestion to the people and then woe to he big machine! If a majority of the hey have a very poor way of showing

badges commemorative of Dewey's victory on May 1, 1898, and thousands of them have been sold to our soldiers. The ribbon of the bange is a piece of is a bronze medal on one side of which tion of the county board of commission) side is a picture of the Olympia.



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TERRIFIC TORNADO.

Seven Persons Killed and Ten or Twelva Wounded.

PROFERTY DESTROYED

Most Damage in Tennessee, But the Storm Also Passed Through Georgia and Alabama.

A terrille torond operated over a partion of Madisonville and Montoe county, Tennessee, Saturday night, with disastrous results. Early in the evening a strong wind arose, and several hours later a cyclone about 75 yards wide struck Madisonville, killing three persons, wounding 10 or 12 others, and ompletely dertroying 12 or 15 houses.

THE KILLED. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moser.

Ed. L. Herton. WOUNDED Miss Millie Ervin. Miss Delia Mason Mrs. E. L. Horton. Mrs. L. A. Robinson. Mr. L. A. Robinson. Robert Robinson. Miss Rodgers. Mr. Moser. Prof. Charles Kelly.

The Horton and Robinson residences are both complete wrecks, not one timber being left above another on the founlations. The escape of the inmates of these two houses, eight in the Horton and three in the Robinson, seems miraculous, some of them being blown a distance of a hundred yards, yet escaping in some cases without a scratch. W. E. E: vin's residence had one end orn away: Dillon Rogers' house is also a wreck; Erskine Lowry's residence moved the distance of 10 feet and was almost wrenched out of shape.

Telephone and telegraph wires are blown down and all communication shut

The storm came up with alarming suddenness and swept everything in it; path. It was accompanied by the terrific roor ust ally attending tornadoes. Frightened innabitants rushed for their cellars and places of safety. In the country great damage was done to orchards and crops by the wind and hail. It is reported that further casualties resulted in the rural districts, but no particulars can be obtained.

The mest frightful feature of the tornado was the manner in which Jack Moscr met his death. He was hurled by the wind's force from his house, a distance of 700 yards until his progress was impeded by a wire fence, which completely severed his head from the The remains were found in that condition by the rescuing party, which did faithful work after the storm had subsided. The 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moser was in their home with them, but he was unhurt.

Hugh Hicks and Charles Pierce were seriously injured.

In addition to the loss of life and det uction of residence property, barns vere swept away and stock was killed. I'he wood working and milling plant of J. H. Burleson was damaged, together with its costly machinery. The property damaged is not secured by storm insurance, and is believed to be a total

It is believed that Miss Rodgers, who s reported as seriously injured, may her body having been lacerate by broken panes of glass. She was also badly bruised and injured inter-

Upper East Tennessee reports heavy wind storms accompanied by terrific rains. The rains did unt ld damage to the crops in that section, and it is conservatively estimated that this torrent. coupled with the recent freeze and bad weather, will mean a loss of a million

dollars to farmers in that section. FOUR KILLED IN ALABAMA. A terrible storm of wind, hail and lightning struck Dacatur, Ala., Saturday night, doing great damage and cau-ing the loss of four lives. The huge tower of the Long Distance Telephone company, 140 feet kigh, which carries the wires spanning the Tennessee river was snapped like a reed. Several manufacturing plants are suspended on account of the damage to buildings and machinery. Capt. Sim McKee of the steamer Luke Pryor, plying between here and Chattanooga, came in and reported that he had found a large raft below Whitesburg which had been broken up. The raft was being brought here by four white men, who were evidently lost in the storm, as their boat

was destroyed. Searching parties started out to find the bodies. THE STORM IN GEORGIA. A terrific wind and hail storm'sw p over Atlanta, Ga., Saturday night. Hailstones as large as seven inches in circumference were found. Over two inches of rain fell during the evening Some damage was done telegraph and electric light wires, and a Negro was killed near the union depot by a live wire falling on him. Five hundred square feet of glass in a hot house on Marietta street was demolished. The oppressive heat of Saturday gave way mmediately after the storm to a tem-

Windsor, Ga., was visited Saturday night by a terrific hail, wind and lightning storm. Lots of live stock was killed by lightning and some damage done farm property. Lightning entered the house of W. D. Sims, ex-marshal here. demolishing a bedstead and tearing the pictures from the wall. The two occupants of the room were unhurt.

perature 40 degrees lower.

Late Saturday night a severe storm struck Elberton. The court house was the brought to bear on the legislature as will compel that body to submit the age to country property is reported. A heavy storm at Tocoa Saturday night blew down the ware-houses of egislature is opposed to the dispensary | Edwards Bros. and T. A. Capps and demolished several smaller buildings. The Edwards warehouse in talling erushed in the home of Mrs. Mary Mil-Manila has struck off a number of ler, and aged wildow, killing her instant-

> "Senator Tillman's masterly argument against imperialism," says the sat in the halls of the senate."

COUNTERFEITING IN INDIA.

Millions of Illicitly Coined Rupees Now in Circalation.

When the Government of British

India closed the mints to the coinage

of silver in 1893, it was predicted that private enterprises would find a way of frustrating its intentions. Sir David Barbour combatted the idea and gave his reasons for believing that the measure would give to little or no illicit coining. The experience of the three following years seemed to justify his forecast, as nothing was detected in that direction, although the circulation of rupees was carefully observed. Matters, however, have assumed recently a different aspect. According to one of the Indian papers, the net import of silver for those three years was 26,000.00 ounces. With this enormous augmentation of the silver imports in one year, there has been an increase of rupees in circulation, principally of the years 1840 and 1862. Itnow transpires that illicit coining is going on in India on an enormous scale, especially in the native States. Various explanations are given of the way these illicitly coined rupees get into circulation. One is that the bazaar money lenders are the channel by which they pass from the hands of the private coiners into public currency. It has been remarked that of late loans could be obtained in the bazaars for short periods at several points below bank rates, and it is conjectured that this was done in consequence of the large supply of illicit rupees at the dis-

SOME NEW INVENTIONS.

posal of the Loney lenders that could

be profitably employed at compara-

tively low rates. It is stated, on what

seems good authority, anat millions of

illicitly coined rupees are now in cir-

culation in India, turned out by stamp-

ing machines imported from Austria,

and so excellent is the workmanship on

them that they defy detection even by

the masters of the mints.

A Few Handy Articles Which Have Recently Been Patented.

To retain shirt bosoms in place, a southerner has patented a device composed of two strips of flexible webbing crossed at the back, with fasteners at the ends which clasp the edges of the bosom and draw it against the body to prevent it from bulging out. In a recently-patented bicycle saddle the frame is pivoted at the end of the

post to tilt forward and backward, an adjustable coiled spring being attached to the point of the saddle to allow it to swing back until the tension of the spring balances the weight of the rider. Cotton can be easily gathered by a New Jerseyman's invention, an engine being mounted on a wagon and used to drive an intermittent-blast suction oump, with funnel-mouthed tubes held in the hands of the pickers to suck the cotton into a wire basket on the vehicle.

To prevent animals from swallowing their food in a hurry, an improved manger has a spring partition suspended from the top, which only premits a small portion of the food to fall at a time, pressure on the partition to get larger mouthfuls shutting off the sup-

ply entirely. An Austrian has patented an appliince to be attached to the mouths of cannon, to be struck by the shell as it leaves the muzzle, the device being

hinged at the top of the gun to swing out of the way after it has exploded the shell and caused its contents to spread over a large area. Where Umbrellas Are Valuable. An African chief's umbrella is of

greater importance than many people suppose. Apart from its enormous size, its loss in battle more than equals the loss of a standard of a European commander. Some of the umbrellas are of prodigious dimensions, being no less than 25 feet in diameter, with ribs 12 feet six inches long. Burglar and Grang-Outang.

Some two years ago a retired officer of the merchant service, living in the Rue D'Alesia, Paris, M. Duchesne, brought home an orang-outang from Borneo. Since growing to its full size the brute is a terror to the neighbors. Its master won't hear of its being chained up, contenting himself with shutting the animal in his bedroom before going out. Nicholas Bargeve, alias "the Devourer." had determined to make a professional call at M. Duchesne's apartment with intent to burgle. Now this illustrious character was unaware that such a pet as the orangoutang was tolerated in these particular rooms. Consequently when the burglar was suddenly pounced upon by two hairy paws he was somewhat surprised, and his screams soon brought help, with the result that M. Bargeve was drawn out of the room by his feet, in a very ignominious fashion. He was taken to the infirmary, and it is reported that he has gone mad and now

River of Death.

into an ape.

imagines himself to have been changed

The Yellow river, which has been named the "Sorrow of China," is probably the most destructive stream on the face of the earth. In less than 100 years it has changed its channel four times, and the point where it empties into the sea has from time\_to time been moved up and down the coast a distance of 300 miles. It runs through a vast alluvial plain, and is fed by streams from a great system of mountains in the north. When the snow melting on this range comes at a time of heavy rains, the result is sure to be a terrific flood. It has been estimated that in the past three centuries over 10,000,000 human beings have perished in the floods of the Yellow river. For destructiveness, both of life and property, this stream is unparalleled, and the sobriquet bestowed upon it is amply justified by its history.

The Greatest Scorcher. You may talk about the scorcher And the century he has made. But the sun's the greatest scorcher When a century in the shade.

JOHN Bull does not hesitate to util ize material wherever found. H: a!ready has native regiments in India, Egypt and other colonies, and is now engaged in raising a regiment of Chinese, to be commanded by Englishmen. The economy of the movement, too, will be in the fact, that, while the troops fight for England, the Chinese Government will probably pay them.

Periodically some genius presents a ullet proof cloth and wants it adopted. The latest is that of a Frenchman, the essential portion being a sheet of metal placed between an outer and inner lining. A suit weighs seven pounds, fourred, white and blue silk. The pendant Palmetto Post, in point of sense and teen ounces and a Mauser bullet fired eloquence, is the equal of any effort at a distance of 70 yards made a very